

AAA L.L.C.  
Attention Howard W. Phillips  
110 Linkous Ave.  
Dublin, Va. 24084

2/14/02

Mr John J Monsees  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region III  
1650 Arch St.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

**Re: Allied-Pulaski Site, Pulaski , Pulaski County, Virginia**

Dear Mr Monsees:

I am writing with respect to your letter dated February 6, 2002, which is in part referencing my letter dated October 3, 2000.

I will address each issue as requested.

1. Maple Garden Apts. Inc, nor AAA L.L.C. know of any activities required by the UAO that has not been addressed. All correspondence received has been addressed and acted upon. I know nothing of other respondents activities. As a general rule I receive little if any correspondence and know very little about the current situation.

2. Maple Garden Apts Inc. is a Federal Funded low income apartment project located in Dublin, Va., which is approximately 8 miles from the subject site. The rents, salaries, and expenses are monitored and controlled by Rural Development, a branch of the Federal Government. I am an employee of Maple Garden Apts. Inc.. There is a rental office at Maple Garden Apts., and I on occasion write letters from this office and use Maple Garden Apts.'s address to receive mail. As you have acknowledged , I have previously stated, that Maple Garden Apts. Inc. is not involved with the subject site in any way. In response to your question, there has been no business conducted by or on behalf of Maple Garden Apts. Inc. on the premises of the subject site. AAA only owned the subject property about 30 days before, the EPA had the site shut down and all activities discontinued.

3. AAA L.L.C. has no assets other than what ever value, less the debt, is placed on the subject property. AAA borrowed the start up funds.

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4. Inclosed is the financial statement as you requested. As you will note there is not much on it, as AAA had not been in existence but a short time before the land purchase and had no other assets.

I must add that the subject land was title searched by an attorney, and demolition permits were obtainable from the town of Pulaski, Va.. I then, acting as manager for AAA, purchased the property, obtained demolition permits , installed chain link fencing on part of the property and proceeded to demolish the cracked smoke stack, and remains of the old buildings, that was a visual impairment to the town and community. In my opinion there was extensive erosion taking place and I felt compelled to correct these problems.

The sole purpose of purchasing this property was to build mini storage buildings on less than one acre of the 27 acre site. I could have done this without touching the balance of the land. In fact the parcel I wanted, was level and already had gravel on it. All I had to do was build the storage units, put fencing around them and stop. I did not have to spent the 20,000 plus dollars. I thought I was doing a service to the town and neighborhood.

The property had been there for years and years in its present condition. Shopping centers, Banks, Restaurants, Telephone centers and etc. were all built on this property. However, within 30 days from my purchase, the project was shut down by the EPA. If the town of Pulaski did not know there were problems, and the previous owner did not indicate there were problems with this property how would I know. As I stated above I spent funds that I did not have to spend I was only doing what I thought was the best long term solution. I should not be raked over hot coals for doing absolutely nothing except, in my opinion making improvements to a long time ignored problem. I was only trying to conduct business as an conscientious American citizen.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at work 540-674-8994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard W. Phillips".

Howard W. Phillips  
Manager AAA L.L.C.

cc: Neeraj Sharma (3HS32)

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